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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK JULY 25,
I HAD OPPORTUNITY ASK HIM ABOUT RECENT VISITS PLO (JULY 17-20,
SEE REFTTEL) AND SYRIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (JULY 20-24).
MALIK MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A. SYRIAN TOOK HARDER LINE ON MIDDLE EAST PEACH CONDI-
TIONS THAN DID PLO. KHADDAM SAID SYRIA DID NOT ACCEPT
RESOLUTION 242 AND BELIEVED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW TO
1947 FRONTIERS. SYRIA PREPARED TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE
ONLY IF PLO PRESENT AS FULL MEMBER.
B. SYRIANS LAID HEAVY STRESS ON RECENT STATEMENTS
BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN THAT OMITTED ANY REFERENCE
TO WEST BANK. ANY PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, IN SYRIAN VIEW,
MUST CLEARLY INCLUDE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK.

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C. SYRIAN DECISION ON GENEVA CONFERENCE AND ON
GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL DEPEND
HEAVILY ON THEIR FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF
STATE VANCE.
D. PLO DELEGATION TOLD MALIK THEY WERE PREPARED
TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL IF ISRAEL WOULD RECOGNIZE PLO AS
SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PLO PREPARED

TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE BUT ONLY IN ITS OWN RIGHT.
THEY WILL NOT AGREE TO BE PART OF ANOTHER DELEGATION.

2. MALIK CLAIMS HE ARGUED WITH SYRIAN MINISTER THAT
RETURN TO 1947 FRONTIERS WAS TOTALLY UNREASONABLE AND
THAT HE PRESSED PLO TO RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL.
MALIK DISCLOSED THAT HE KEEPS UP WITH ISRAELI VIEWPOINT
ON CURRENT ISSUES BY PERIODICAL VISITS FROM ISRAELI
REPRESENTATIVE IN SINGAPORE. HE ALSO SAID HE SEES
ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EACH TIME HE IS AT UNGA AND
LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING DAYAN.

3. COMMENT: VERY LITTLE OF ABOVE IS NEW TO DEPARTMENT.
MOST INTERESTING FACT IS THAT INDONESIANS ARE MAINTAINING
CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS AS WELL AS ARABS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE POINT IN COUNTRY WITH LARGE NOMINAL
MUSLIM POPULATION.

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